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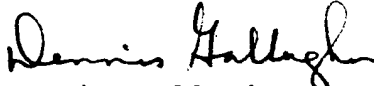
Mr. William Casey
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, DC 20505**Dear Mr. Casey:**

The Refugee Policy Group has recently concluded a year-long study of U.S. refugee admissions policies and procedures. It was conducted under a grant from the Rockefeller Foundation.

In our report, "Of Special Humanitarian Concern: U.S. Refugee Admissions Since Passage of the Refugee Act," we conclude that the Consultations between the Executive and Legislative branches improve the process of decision-making about annual refugee admission levels. We also conclude that U.S. refugee admissions policy gives too little priority to protection considerations, emphasizing political and immigration criteria. We see little evidence that the Refugee Act has led to more equitable access to the U.S. program for refugees from non-Communist countries and/or countries friendly to the foreign policy interests of the U.S. government. We are concerned that budgetary processes have become increasingly influential in setting annual refugee admissions levels, threatening to undermine the annual Consultation process. Finally, we are concerned that the Refugee Act alone -- or in combination with immigration possibilities -- does not provide sufficient flexibility for the U.S. to respond effectively to large-scale humanitarian crises requiring emergency admissions to the U.S.

I hope you find the report of interest. I would, of course, welcome any comments you might have on it.

Sincerely,

**Dennis Gallagher**
Executive Director

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